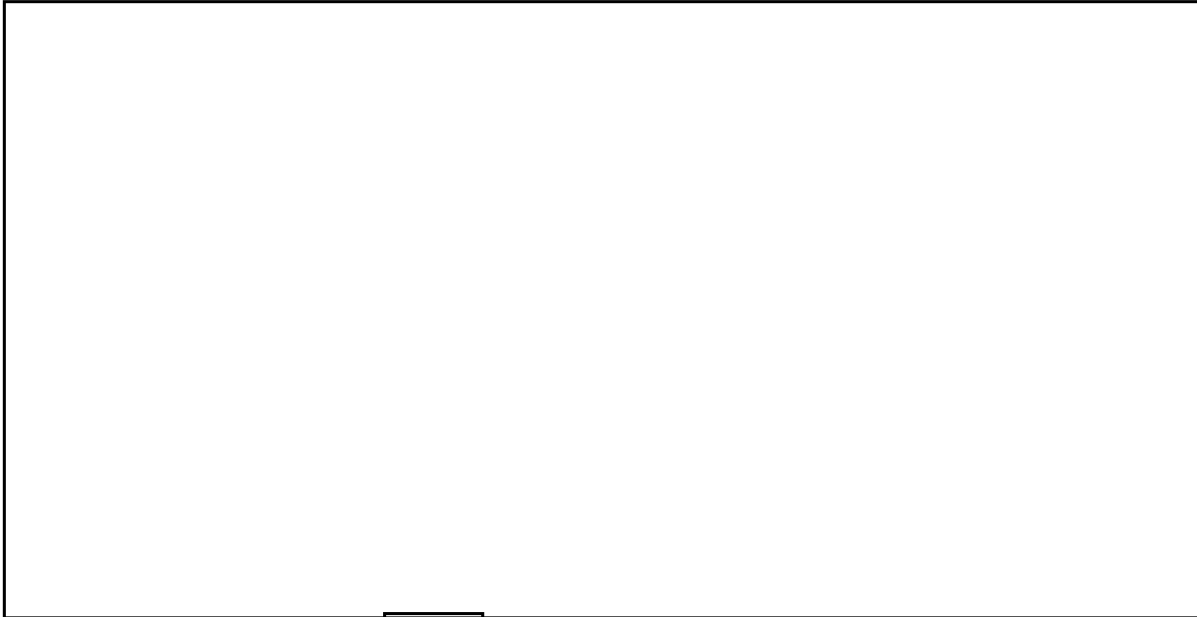


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I also discussed [redacted] with Mr. Slatinshek and alerted him to the possibility of a request for a letter from the Chairman to the Subcommittee on Manpower and Civil Service, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee about the bill. I told him that we would draft a suggested letter for him along the lines of the Rivers to Henderson letter of 18 June 1968.

We discussed the Agency retirement legislation at some length. He does not feel that our bill has much of a chance of getting through both houses this year. Although he sees no problem as such in getting it through House Armed Services Committee and the House of Representatives, he pointed out that the Senate Armed Services Committee at present has some 38 House-passed bills, including the procurement and construction bills, that have not been acted upon. With this kind of backlog in the Senate Committee, he feels that our chances in the Senate are not too good for this session.

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